GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DECLINE IN THE TARGET OF NEW TELEPHONE CONNECTINOS IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new telephone connections provided during 2001-2002 in Karnataka against the target;

(b) Whether the number of connections provided is less than the target;

(c) If so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) The steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide telephone connections as per the fixed target?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) During 2001-2002, 3.55 Lakh Net DELs (Direct Exchange Lines) were provided in Karnataka against the target of 5 Lakh DELs.

(b) & (d): Despite provision of 5.52 lakh gross DELs during 2001-2002, the net achievement was oly 3.35 lakh due to large scale disconnection of telephones by 2.17 lakhs. The short fall was also due to near saturation in urban areas which were mostly on demand. Action is now being taken to ensure timely provision of materials to provide telephones as per the targets fixed.